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HISTORICAL SKETCH.

In November, 1860, a Sabbath School was opened in this part of the town for the many children who could not on account of the distance attend the churches in the city. A weekly prayer meeting was soon after established. Investigations having developed the fact that a large number of families living west of the railroad were wholly or in part debarred from church privileges, but would naturally fall into a church situated in the west part of the city; in February, 1864, a meeting was called to consider the question of building a church, and of organizing a new religious society. This meeting was attended by nearly twenty heads of families. After prayer for divine direction and free consultation, it was found that in the opinion of all present the time had come for action. It was felt, however, that in a matter of such grave importance, the advice and approbation of the churches in the city ought first to be solicited. A circular letter was accordingly addressed to them, to which they responded by the appointment of delegates. Two meetings were held at which the facts in the case were presented and the bearing of the proposed enterprise upon the other churches and the cause of Christ was considered. The result was the adoption by a unanimous vote of the following resolution. "*Resolved:* that a new church is needed in the western part of the city."

Soon after, an ecclesiastical society was formed, a building committee appointed, and also a committee to recommend some one as a pastor. On the 12th of March, 1865, our first public religious service was held in the chapel. On the 23d of the same month, our church was formed in the ancient New England method by formally accepting a creed and covenant which had been previously prepared. A few weeks subsequently in response to circular letters of invitation, our sister churches in the city, by their pastors and delegates extended to us their formal recognition and fellowship.

Of the whole number which constituted the church at its organization, 40 were from the Center church, 33 from the North church, 25 from the Pearl street church, 4 from the Fourth church, 2 from the South church, and the remaining 10 from churches out of the city. At our first meeting for worship in the chapel, before the invocation, the whole congregation rose and sang, in Old Hundred, the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and this custom has ever since been continued.

A Pastor was installed December 13th, 1865.

The church edifice was dedicated June 15th, 1866.

CONFESSION OF FAITH & COVENANT.

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God to teach mankind the way of life.

We believe that all men, apart from Christ and his Salvation, are lost and ruined in sin.

We believe that the righteous Lord loveth righteousness, that His face is against them which do evil: and that while He will show mercy to the penitent, he denounces everlasting punishment upon the incorrigibly wicked.

We believe that God has infinite compassion and love for sinful men and seeks to restore them to holiness and to save them from the just desert of their sins.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour, that He came into the world to manifest the love of God and to make atonement for sin: that by faith in Him we receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them which are sanctified.

We believe that by the Holy Ghost men are moved to repentance and faith, and to all the good thoughts and purposes of a holy life.

We believe that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are revealed in the Scriptures as the one Living God.

We hold that Baptism and the Lord's Supper were instituted by our Lord as sacramental rites to be observed by all believers.

That all who with the heart believe in Christ and receiving the seal of Baptism confess Him before men, are the one catholic church.

We believe that disciples of Christ should associate themselves in distinct bodies,—for their edification and mutual fellowship, for the public worship of God, and the celebration of the Sacraments,—and that every such body of believers is entitled to the name and to all the rights and privileges of a christian church.

We believe that every church is bound to walk in christian charity and communion with all other christian churches, maintaining with them the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Thus you profess and believe.

Holding these truths, and humbly trusting that through the grace of God given unto you, you have consecrated yourselves in heart to His service, you do now, in His sacred presence and publicly before men profess yourselves to be disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. You declare it to be your solemn purpose to lead a life of devotedness to God, to

give yourselves up to His guidance and to strive after conformity to His holy will; especially will you study to follow the example and the precepts of our blessed Lord; you will seek by prayer and diligence in duty to secure the aid and sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit; you will aim to fulfill all the duties, public and private, incumbent on you as members of the body of Christ; and as members of this church you promise to conform to its order and discipline, to promote as far as in you lies its edification and purity and to walk with your brethren in christian charity and fidelity.

Thus you covenant and engage.

And we do affectionately receive you to our communion, and welcome you to a fellowship with us in the blessings of the gospel; and, in the strength of Christ, we do promise to walk with you in all helpfulness, brotherly love, and watchfulness, as becometh members of the same household of Christ.

Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever.

The Lord bless you, and keep you: the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

RULES OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

I.

The Officers of this Church shall be a Pastor, Clerk, Treasurer and six Deacons. Of the Deacons, the oldest in office shall retire annually and shall be ineligible for reelection for one year.

II.

The annual meeting of the church for the transaction of business shall be held on the second Thursday of January, at which a Clerk, Treasurer and Deacon shall be chosen by ballot;—the Clerk and Treasurer for one year. At the same meeting, officers of the Sabbath School for the ensuing year shall be elected from a nomination by the teachers of the school.

III.

Other business meetings of the Church shall be held once in two months, on the Thursday evening preceding the Sabbath for propounding new members.

IV.

The Pastor and Deacons shall constitute the Prudential Committee, of which the Pastor shall be chairman, ex-officio.

This Committee is empowered to call business meetings of the Church for special purposes, by giving notice to the congregation on the preceding Sabbath.

V.

All members of the Church are entitled to vote at the business meetings.

VI.

Persons wishing to unite with this Church by profession are to give satisfactory evidence of christian character; are to be examined and approved by the Prudential Committee; and having been publi ly propounded for two weeks, are to be received on their profession of the faith, and public assent to the covenant of the Church.

VII.

Persons wishing to unite with this Church by letter shall be received as follows;—their letters having been examined and approved by the Prudential Committee, shall be publicly read before the congregation on the Sabbath, or at some regular meeting of the Church, and if within two weeks thereafter no valid objection is made, their names shall be enrolled as members of the Church.

VIII.

Members of this Church who remove out of town are expected to take letters of dismission from us, and to unite with some other christian church within one year after their removal.

IX.

It is deemed a breach of covenant for a member of this Church to withdraw from its communion without making application for a letter of dismission and recommendation.

X.

Members of other churches wishing to commune with this church for more than one year, are expected to remove their church relations to us, unless there be special reasons for delay.

XI.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered on the first Sabbath in December, February, April, June, August and October.

XII.

The Church whenever they come to the table of the Lord, cordially invite all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and who have professed his name to unite with them in celebrating his dying love.

XIII.

The Baptism of children shall take place at such times as shall be mutually convenient to pastor and parents.

XIV.

All cases of discipline shall be brought before the church through the Prudential Committee.

XV.

The necessary expenses of delegates to Ecclesiastical Councils shall be defrayed by the Church.

XVI.

Recognizing the duty of aiding by our contributions the various Societies which have been organized for purposes of Christian benevolence, the church shall, at each annual meeting, designate by vote the several Societies which shall be aided during the ensuing year, and decide the time and

manner of taking up the contributions. And notice of the same shall be given to the Church and Congregation on the Sabbath succeeding the annual meeting, and in such further manner, by circular or otherwise, as the Prudential Committee shall deem best.

XVII.

These rules may be altered or amended by vote of two thirds of the members present at any business meeting of the church, notice of the proposed change having been given two weeks previously.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.—APRIL, 1867.

Pastor.

JOSEPH H. TWICHELL, - Installed, December 13, 1865.

Deacons.

Erastus Collins, - - - - - -	1865—1868.
Jared A. Ayres, - - - - - -	1865—1869.
Samuel M. Capron, - - - - -	1867—1870.
Christopher C. Lyman, - - - - -	1867—1871.
Newton Case, - - - - - -	1867—1872.
John R. Keep, - - - - - -	1867—1873.

Clerk and Treasurer.

Roderick Terry.

Superintendent of the Sabbath School.

James S. Tryon.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

From its Organization to April, 1867.

N. B. The names of husband and wife in this catalogue are connected by a brace.

Names.	When Admitted.	How Received.
J. Merwin Allen, Harriet S. Allen,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Center Church.
Jared A. Ayres, Sarah L. Ayres,	" "	" "
Ann Ayres,	" "	" "
Frances L. Ayres,	" "	" "
Mary B. Ayres,	" "	" "
Wm. A. Ayres,	May 10, 1865,	" Church in Yale College.
David E. Bartlett, Fanny P. Bartlett,	March 23, 1865,	" Centre Church.
Mary L. Bartlett,	June 11, 1865,	By profession.
Margaret W. Bartlett,	" "	"
Charles G. Bartlett,	Dec. 2, 1865,	Letter from Cong. Ch., Fitchburg, Mass.
Annie F. Bacon,	Feb. 4, 1866,	By profession.
Henry Baldwin,	Aug. 5, 1866,	Let'r from 2d Pres. Ch. Orange, N. Jersey.
John Beach,	March 23, 1865,	" Pearl St. Church.
Amelia F. Bliss, wife of [E. B.	April 18, 1867,	" 1st Pres. Ch., Bergen, N. Jersey.
Shearjashub Bourne, Ardelia Bourne,	Dec. 2, 1866,	" Center Church.
Susan Boynton,	Feb. 3, 1867,	By profession.
John C. Bull, Julia P. Bull,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Center Church.

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Names.	When Admitted.	How Received.
Charles H. Bullard, S. Augusta Bullard,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from North Church.
Calvin J. Burnell, Harriet M. Burnell,	" "	" South Church. " 1st Bap. Ch., Pittsfield, Mass.
Ralph Burkett, Emily W. Burkett,	May 10, 1865,	" North Church.
William H. Burkett,	April 1, 1866,	By profession.
Newton Case, Lemira B. Case,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Pearl St. Church.
Ellen M. Case,	March 23, 1865,	" "
Orlando D. Case, Mary L. Case,	" "	" "
Henry B. Camp,	" "	" North Church.
Cornelia L. Camp,	" "	" "
Cornelia E. Camp,	" "	" "
Catharine C. Camp,	" "	" "
Charles H. Camp,	April 1, 1866,	By profession.
Elizabeth B. Camp,	" "	"
Samuel M. Capron, Eunice M. Capron,	Aug. 5, 1866,	Letter from Center Church.
*Mary H. Clark, wife [of E. C. Jr.	Feb. 4, 1866,	" Broadway Tab., N. Y.
Frances Clark,	" "	" " "
Charles H. Clark,	" "	" " "
Theodore Clark, Grace A. Clark.	April 18, 1867,	" Coll. St. Ch., N. H., Ct. " Cong. Ch., F. Haven, Ct.
Lucy F. H. Clary, wid.	March 23, 1865,	" North Church.
Louise E. Cleveland,	June 11, 1865,	By profession.
Maria I. Coleman, wife [of J. E. C.	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Centre Church.
†Wm. L. Collins, Harriette P. Collins,	" "	" North Church.
Mary L. Collins,	" "	" "
Francis Collins,	" "	" "
Ellen Collins,	June 11, 1865,	By profession.
Mary L. Collins, wid. [of A. M. C.	March 23, 1865,	Letter from North Church.
Mary F. Collins,	" "	" "

*Departed this life May 28th, 1866. †Departed this life Nov. 15th, 1865.

Names.	When Admitted.	How Received.
Erastus Collins, Mary A. Collins,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Pearl St. Church.
Atwood Collins,	Feb. 4, 1866,	By profession.
Henrietta A. Collins,	" "	"
Caroline L. Collins,	" "	"
Elizabeth S. Colt, wife of E. C.	March 23, 1865,	Letter from North Church.
Samuel Coit, Mary E. Coit,	" "	" Pearl St. Church.
Mary E. Coit,	April 1, 1866,	By profession.
Joseph S. G. Coit,	Feb. 3, 1867,	"
Sarah M. Condit,	Feb. 4, 1866.	Letter from 1st Pres. Ch. Orange, N. Jersey.
Salmon Crossitt,	March 23, 1865,	" Center Church.
Abby L. Day, wife of E. T. D.	" "	" South Church.
Nancy Dillingham,	" "	" Centre Church.
Eunice Eno, widow,	May 10, 1865,	" Fourth Church.
Edward H. Fenn, Fanny P. Fenn,	March 23, 1865,	" Pearl St. Church.
Henry French, Mary W. French,	" "	" Centre Church.
Georgiana L. French,	" "	" Centre Church.
Henry W. French,	June 11, 1865,	By profession.
Amelia Fitch,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from North Church.
George Fillow, Ann M. Fillow,	" "	" Fourth Church,
Margaret C. Greenlaw,	" "	" Center Church.
Eliza H. Gillette, Francis Gillette,	" "	" Fourth Church.
*Ch.H. Gildersleeve A.B.B. Gildersleeve	" "	" Westminister Pres. Ch., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Frederic L. Gleason, Martha W. Gleason,	April 4, 1867,	" Centre Church.
Frederic G. Gleason,	" "	" "
Thankful Gould, Mrs.	Dec. 2, 1865.	" 1st Cong. Ch., Westfield,
Mary E. Gould,	April 1, 1866,	By profession. [Mass.
Clara E. Gould,	" "	"

*Departed this life July 8th, 1866.

Names.	When Admitted.	How Received.
And. G. Hammond, Mary S. Hammond,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Center Church.
Ida V. Hammond,	Feb. 4, 1866,	By profession.
Sarah A. Hart, widow,	May 10, 1865,	Letter from North Church.
Angeline L Howard, [wife of M. H.	March 23, 1865,	" "
Lavinia Humphrey, [widow,	" "	" Cong. Ch., Simsbury.
Frank Humphrey,	" "	" " "
Maria Hunt, widow of [E. H.	Oct. 1, 1865,	" North Church.
Albert L. Hunt,	" "	" "
Ellen A. Hunt,	" "	" "
Mary L. Hunter,	April 1, 1866,	By profession.
Sarah C. Hurlbut, wife [of A. M. H.	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Pearl St. Church.
Henry J. Johnson, Cath'ne C. Johnson,	May 10, 1865,	" North Church.
Catherine W. Johnson,	April, 1, 1866,	By profession.
Sarah E. Knapp, wid.	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Pearl St. Church.
John B. Knapp,	June 11, 1865,	By profession.
John R. Keep, Rebecca P. Keep,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Centre Church.
William A. Keep,	" "	" "
Mary Keep,	" "	" "
Elizabeth Keep,	" "	" "
Joseph Kellogg, Eliz. C. Kellogg,	" "	" Pearl St. Church.
D. Arnold Kellogg,	Dec. 2, 1866,	By Profession.
Clarissa R. Larned,	June 11, 1865,	"
Marinus Lord, Sophia B. Lord,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Centre Church.
Alice E. Longley,	June 11, 1865,	By profession.
C. C. Lyman, Cecilia Lyman,	May 10, 1865,	Letter from North Church.
Theodore Lyman,	" "	" "
Roland Mather, Mary F. Mather,	Oct. 7, 1866,	" Pearl St. Church.
Benjamin R. Mason, Maria Mason,	March 23, 1865,	" " "

Names.	When Admitted.	How Received.
James B. Maynard, Sarah M. Maynard,	March 23, 1865,	Letter, Cong. Ch., Rockville.
*Maria C. Metcalf, [widow of G. M.	June 11, 1856,	" Centre Church.
†Jonathan L. Noyes, †Eliza H. Noyes,	March 23, 1865,	" Pearl St. Church.
Hannah L. Olmsted, [widow of L. D. O.	Dec. 2, 1866,	[field, Mass. " South Cong. Ch. Spring-
Thomas C. Perkins, Mary F. Perkins,	March 23, 1865,	" North Church.
Caleb W. Pierson, Juliette Pierson,	" "	" Pearl St. Church.
Mary C. Pierson, wid. [of A. P.	" "	" North Church.
Stephen C. Pierson,	" "	" "
Isaac Pierson,	" "	" "
Elizabeth B. Pierson,	" "	" "
Samuel Porter,	" "	" "
Francis Richmond,	" "	" Centre Church.
Anna L. Richmond,	" "	" "
Agnes E. Richards, [wife of C. B. R.	Feb. 4, 1866,	" "
Abby W. Roberts, [widow of W. W. R.	March 23, 1865,	[Indianapolis, Ind. " Plymouth Cong. Ch.,
Willard B. Roberts,	June 11, 1865,	By profession.
James H. Roberts,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Centre Church.
Matilda C. Root, wid. [of E. K. R.	Feb. 4, 1866,	By profession.
Matilda Root,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from North Church.
Ellen Root,	June 11, 1865,	By profession.
Ira B. Sampson, Sarah C. Sampson,	Feb. 4, 1867,	Letter, 1st Cong. St. Louis, Mo.
John P. Skeele, Elizabeth B. Skeele,	March 23, 1865,	" Cong. Ch. Hallowell, Me.
Lucina Stevens,	April 1, 1866,	By profession.
Sarah B. Stevens, wife [of B. S.	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Pearl St. Church.

*Dismissed to Cong. Ch., Hinsdale, Ill., Aug. 6th, 1866.

†Dismissed to Cong. Ch., Fairbault, Minn., Dec. 27th, 1866.

Names.	When Admitted.	How Received.
John Simpson, Margaret Simpson,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Centre Church.
John W. Skinner, Mary E. Skinner,	Aug. 5, 1866,	" "
Jane E. Skinner,	" "	By profession.
Calvin E. Stowe,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Pearl St. Church.
Melancthon Storrs,	Dec. 2, 1865,	" Cong. Ch., Colchester.
Dane D. Storrs,	Aug. 5, 1866,	By profession.
James B. Stone, Julia A. Stone,	June, 11, 1865,	Letter, Cong. Ch. Naugatuck.
Maria E. Strong, wid. [of Rev. C. S.	March 23, 1865,	" North Church.
Charles E. Strong, Julia T. Strong,	" "	" Centre Church.
Mary L. Strong,	June 11, 1865,	By profession.
William H. Strong,	Feb. 4, 1866,	"
Roderick Terry, Sarah P. Terry,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from North Church.
*Henry T. Terry,	" "	" "
Anna P. Terry,	June 11, 1865,	By profession.
Jane E. Terry,	Feb. 4, 1866,	"
Joseph Terry, Mary M. Terry,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from North Church.
Joseph H. Twichell, Julia H. Twichell,	Feb. 4, 1866,	" Madi'n Sq. Pres. Ch. N.Y. " 2d Pres. Ch. Orange, N.J
Sarah R. Trumbull, [wife of J. H. T.	March 23, 1865,	" North Church.
Camilla A. Tyler, wife [of E. S. T.	" "	" Pearl St. Church.
James S. Tryon, Eliza Tryon,	" "	" North Church.
James S. Tryon, Jr.	Feb. 4, 1866,	By profession.
Lucina Van Woert,	April, 1, 1866,	"
Eliza J. Watson,	March 23, 1865,	Letter from Centre Church.
Asaph Willard, Sophronia Willard,	" "	" "
William P. Willard,	" "	" "
Charlotte Willard,	" "	" "
Phœbe C. White,	" "	" "

*Dismissed to Ch. in Yale Coll., Nov. 15th, 1866.

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SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

Number at formation of the church, - - - -			114
Added since—by profession, - - -	36		
by letter, - - - -	44		
		— 80	
Whole number, - - - -			194
Removed—by letter, - - - -	4		
by death, - - - - -	3		
		— 7	
Present number, - - - - -			187

CONTRIBUTIONS.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."—1 Cor. xvi: 2.

At the Annual Business Meeting of this Church, held January 10th, 1867, it was voted to make contributions during the present year, to the following benevolent Societies; at the times, and in the order and manner specified:

1. American Congregational Union:
   Third Sabbath in January.
2. American Education Society:
   Third Sabbath in February.
3. *American Missionary Association:
   March.
4. American Bible Society:
   Third Sabbath in April.
5. *American Home Missionary Society:
   May.
6. Connecticut Temperance Union:
   Third Sabbath in June.
7. *Hartford City Missionary Society:
   July.
8. *American Board:
   September.
9. *American and Foreign Christian Union:
   Third Sabbath in October.
10. American Sunday School Union:
    Third Sabbath in November.
11. *American Tract Society:
    December.

*Collections to be made by subscription. The rest will be taken up in the church on the Sabbaths designated.

COLLECTORS FOR 1867.

GENTLEMEN.		LADIES.	
Dist.		Dist.	
1.	D. Arnold Kellogg.	1.	Miss Anna P. Terry.
2.	James H. Roberts.	2.	" Mary L. Strong.
3.	C. J. Burnell.	3.	" Ida V. Hammond.
4.	Charles H. Camp.	4.	" Catherine C. Camp.
5.	James Seymour Tryon, Jr.	5.	" Mary B. Ayers.
6.	Atwood Collins.	6.	" Matilda Root.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

2d Cor. ix: 7.

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